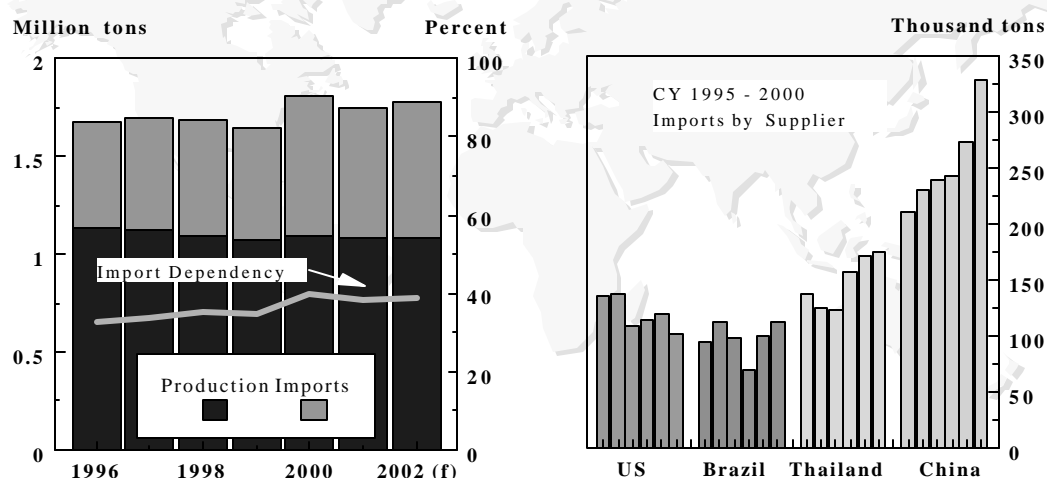


Japan's Poultry Situation

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 (p)	2002 (f)
Production	1249	1234	1221	1189	1196	1180	1185
Imports	563	590	605	683	740	684	710
Consumption	1805	1843	1836	1853	1912	1884	1890
Exports	3	3	3	4	3	3	3

(All data in thousand metric tons)

Japan's Poultry Meat Imports Remain Steady; U.S. Loses Market Share to China



Japan's poultry meat imports are forecast to increase nearly 4 percent in 2002 to 710,000 tons. This assumes that pork and beef consumption within the EU returns to more normal levels, thereby decreasing the current pressure on international poultry prices. The price of poultry meat coupled with the weak yen will be the main determinant of any recovery in Japan's poultry imports in 2002. Tightened consumer spending is the greatest impediment to expanded poultry sales in 2002.

The United States lost market share in the CY 1995-2000 period to China. Exports of U.S. boneless leg quarters, for use in Japanese style grilled dishes, increased marginally in 2001 due to the ban on Chinese imports. In 2002, it is expected that the United States will again face strong competition from China.